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GOSSIP OF LONDONERS

Great Interest in Our Elections.

THE HONG KONG JUNTA

American Boots and Shoes--Metropolitan Theatricals--Scottish Religious Rivalries.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The elections in America and Canada held the interest of Great Britain throughout the week to an unprecedented extent. Of the two great contests, that between President McKinley and W. J. Bryan was by far the most closely watched. There is no concealing the fact that Mr. McKinley's re-election meets with the almost unanimous approval of the press and public, while the Foreign Office expresses undisguised relief that it would not have to deal with a new set of diplomats in this critical state of affairs in the Far East and in other parts of the world.

Among the columns of comments appearing in the journals there is common to all an expression of surprise at the return to power of the existing Governments of Great Britain, United States and Canada, and, rightly or wrongly, the deduction is drawn that this reversal of the usual order of things is due to the wondrous spread of "imperialistic ideas" among English-speaking peoples.

Amid this unusually keen appreciation of events occurring on the American continent, the return of General Buller excited only a faint ripple of enthusiasm. The sobriquet "Ferryman" is too fresh in the public mind to allow the complimentary references now made to him to have force, though he will be the object of many demonstrations.

The ancient controversy on the subject of the Delagoa Bay Railway award should at least be settled with hard cash next week. Communications are still passing on the subject between Washington and London but only one minor point remains unsettled, and this should not prevent the bondholders from receiving their money in a few days.

Another international matter likely to come up between the United States and Great Britain is the suggestion to suppress the Filipino Junta at Hongkong. Inquiries reveal that no instructions have yet been received at the United States Embassy to this end, though should the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, be instructed to apply for the suppression of the Junta, it is likely his request will be granted. An official of the Foreign Office said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"The extent of the steps we should take in this matter entirely depends on the strength of the case the Washington Government can make against the Junta. If it is proved that it is materially assisting the cause of the Filipinos, we certainly shall only be acting in the spirit of ordinary international friendship in suppressing the organization. Moreover, the British empire has no desire to harbor such bodies as Juntas."

Those who have long agitated against the docking of horses' tails have won a great victory. The Queen, in sending out an order that none of her horses be treated in that way, also announced that she had persuaded the Prince of Wales to follow her example. With royalty taking up such a vigorous stand it is likely that the docked horses will soon be as rare in London as full-tailed horses are at present.

Another startling change in appearance is the Prince of Wales wearing eye glasses. The future King has long enjoyed good eye-sight, but now, on the advice of an eminent oculist, he has had recourse to this fashionable form of spectacles. They are selected from the best obtainable lenses, are framed in tortoise shell and form an altogether elaborate addition to his royal countenance.

Holy Trinity Church (situated close to the tower of London) in which is one of Washington's ancestor's tomb, bearing a coat of arms which is supposed to be the origin of the Stars and Stripes, is threatened with destruction unless \$1,000 is subscribed for its repair. What makes the church of interest to Americans is the tablet erected to the memory of Col. Legge, who married Eliza Washington, who died in 1670, surmounted by the Washington arms, consisting of five alternating bars of red and white, above which are five-pointed red stars. These, it is said, suggested to George Washington the American national flag.

The latest discovery of successful American enterprise in England is in the

boot and shoe trade. Daily the American article is gaining headway. One agent, after three years' work, got 1,200 large customers, his turnover this year amounting to many thousands of pounds. According to the Daily Mail, the ability of the American firms to compete so successfully is chiefly due to the "superiority of the human foot, and also to the large outputs of well-regulated factories, in which work is done by the piece instead of on time, as prevails in Great Britain, with the very latest machinery."

The widow of Captain Mayne Reid, U. S. A. (author of the "Rifle Rangers," "Scalp Hunters," etc.) has been discovered in a poverty-stricken condition, in spite of the popularity her husband's novels once achieved. The widow is a daughter of Mr. George Hyde, who claimed to be related to the first Earl of Clarendon.

The new United Free Church of Scotland is meeting with serious opposition in the Highlands. The bitter, covenanting zeal that animates the sturdy Highlanders has been aroused by the belief that the principles of the free church are compromised. Empty benches mark the services held under the auspices of the new organization, while hundreds attend impromptu meetings, in halls and elsewhere, conducted under the old church rules. There are many indications of secession, though this does not apply to the lowlands, where the amalgamation has been well received.

A majority of the theaters are doing very well. In spite of the cool reception the critics gave "Mrs. Dane's Defense," when first produced a few weeks ago, it has developed into the greatest success of the autumn season. It is impossible to get seats a fortnight ahead.

Mr. F. A. Proctor of New York has been in London for some weeks investigating the possibilities of the introduction here of continuous performances. He will return home Saturday much impressed with the possibility of the success in London of this form of American entertainment. He said: "It is only a question of location with us. This visit is only a preliminary one, but I believe it will not be long before we add London to our circuit of theaters."

The reproduction of "Patience" at the Savoy after two decades has not only proved the wonderful vitality of the Gilbert and Sullivan productions but has given rise to many reminiscences. It is instanced that when "Patience" was first produced at the Savoy, electric light was used for the first time in a London theater and D'Oyly Carte had to give nightly assurances of the safety of the new illuminant.

The Kendals return as near London as Fulham next week, with Mrs. Clifford's "The Likeness of the Night."

The American line steamer New York, which sailed from Southampton today via Cherbourg for New York, has among her passengers Edna May, the American actress.

Lord Roberts' recommendation that the returning soldiers be welcomed with gifts of tobacco instead of liquor calls out a singular endorsement from the Lancet, which declares that tobacco, used in due moderation, is second only in value to food itself in the case of men enduring long labors on short rations.

MAY BE A FIZZLE.

Bad Outlook for the Spanish-American Congress.

MADRID, Nov. 19.—Many of the delegates to the Spanish-American Congress have not yet arrived here. Cuba and Porto Rico are not represented officially, although private corporations have sent delegates.

The non-arrival of many of the delegates has inspired fear that the Congress will be a "fizzle." The Liberal sounds a note of alarm and urges the Congress to work earnestly to secure the unity of all the Latin people of America, adding:

"For if the labors of the Congress are abortive, the result will be to the advantage of the United States."

OVER HALF A BILLION.

Gigantic Wealth of the Standard Oil Combine.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Standard Oil certificates were quoted to-day at \$700 bid, none offered, as against \$655, yesterday's mark and until to-day, the highest on record. The par value of the company's entire outstanding stock is \$97,500,000 and \$700 per share indicates a market value of \$682,500,000. During this year the company has paid \$46,800,000 in dividends.

Trial of Shah's Assassin.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—The trial of Francois Salomon, the anarchist who attempted to shoot the Shah of Persia August 2, was held today. The presiding judge tried to bring out the anarchistic ideas of the prisoner and Salomon said: "I am a soldier of the revolution. I attempted to kill Casimir-Perier on account of his repressive measures against anarchy. I attempted to kill the Shah because he is the embodiment of power and riches."

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IS SECRETARY GAGE ABOUT TO RESIGN?

His Place May be Taken by Controller Charles J. Dawes.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Commercial Advertiser says:

It was announced at National Republican headquarters to-day that the Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, will resign from the cabinet and Charles J. Dawes, the Controller of the Currency, will be asked to succeed him. Mr. Gage is going back to be President again of the First National Bank at Chicago. The announcement was positive and from an authoritative source. The change will be made before the expiration of the President's first term.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—D. R. Dorgan, vice-president of the First National Bank said to-day he knew nothing about the reported contemplated resignation.

"But," he added, "the report that Mr. Gage will resume the presidency of the First National Bank is without foundation."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Secretary Gage denied emphatically this afternoon that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet before the expiration of President McKinley's first term. As to his future movements he said he had not made up his mind what he would do after March 4 next.

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